IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-10, 12-22, 25, and 28 as follows. Please cancel claims 11, 23-24, and 26-27 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 29-54 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of communication~~, ~~the method~~ comprising:

providing a service to at least one user equipment;

determining if said service is to be provided to said at least one user equipment by a point to point connection or a point to multipoint connection, said determining ~~step~~ taking into account which of said at least one user equipment to which said service is providable is able to receive said service.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said determining ~~step~~ comprises determining which of said at least one user equipment has a connection.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said determining ~~step~~ comprises determining for the at least one user equipment, which has another connection, if said respective at least one user equipment also is able to receive said service.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said determining ~~step~~ comprises determining for the at least one user equipment if the at least one user equipment has another connection and determining that said respective at least one user equipment is not able to receive said service if the at least one user equipment has another connection.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the determining ~~step~~ comprises determining a number of the at least one user equipment able to receive said service and comparing said determined number with a threshold value.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~in~~ said determining ~~step~~ comprises determining whether a point to multipoint connection is used if said determined number is greater than said threshold value.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the determining ~~step~~ comprises determining the at least one user equipment able to receive said service and charging for said service based on which of the at least one user equipment is able receive said service.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ suspending said service for the at least one user equipment if said respective at least one user equipment is unable to receive said service.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein ~~in~~ said determining ~~step~~ comprises determining if the point to point or the point to multipoint connection is to be used, when the at least one user equipment for which the service has been suspended is not taken into account.

10. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of communication, the method~~ comprising:

activating a service which provides data to user equipment; and

suspending said service when said user equipment is unable to receive data of said service,

wherein, said suspending comprises suspending said service if said user equipment has a different connection.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising: ~~the steps of~~

establishing a different connection with said user equipment; and

~~then~~ determining if said user equipment is able to receive data of said service and to perform said suspending service if said user equipment is not able to receive data.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said suspending ~~step~~ comprises sending a suspension message from said user equipment to a network element.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said suspending ~~step~~ comprises suspending charging for said service.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said suspending ~~step~~ comprises suspending charging performed by the network element.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said suspending ~~step~~ comprises suspending a context between said user equipment and the network element.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said suspending ~~step~~ comprises suspending charging performed by the network element, said network element comprising a serving general packet radio service support node.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising ~~the step of~~ determining, after service suspension, if the user equipment receives the service again and to reactivate said service if the user equipment receives the service again.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein said reactivating within the determining ~~step~~ comprises activating charging for said service.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said activating ~~step~~ comprises activating said service that comprises a service in which data is provided to a user discontinuously.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said activating ~~step~~ comprises activating said service that comprises one of a multicast service and a broadcast service.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein said activating ~~step~~ comprises activating said service that comprises a ~~MBMS~~ multimedia broadcast multicast service.

23-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) ~~A node in a communication system in which a service is provided to at least one user equipment~~ An apparatus, ~~the node~~ comprising:

a processing unit, said processing unit being configured to

provide a service to at least one user equipment,

~~a configuration for said node to~~ determine if said service is to be provided to said at least one user equipment by a point to point connection or a point to multipoint connection~~;~~, and

~~means for determining~~ determine which of said at least one user equipment to which said service is providable is able to receive said service.

26-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) ~~A node for a communications system in which a service is activated~~ An apparatus, ~~the node~~ comprising:

an activating controller configured to activate a service which provides data to user equipment;

~~means for providing~~ a transmitter configured to transmit data ~~is provided~~ to said user equipment; and

~~means for suspending~~ a suspending controller configured to suspend said service when said user equipment is unable to receive data of said service because said user equipment has a different connection.

29. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the processing unit is further configured to determine which of said at least one user equipment has a connection.

30. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 29, wherein the processing unit is further configured to determine for the at least one user equipment, which has another connection, if said respective at least one user equipment also is able to receive said service.

31. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 29, wherein the processing unit is further configured to determine for the at least one user equipment if the at least one user equipment has another connection and to determine that said respective at least one user equipment is not able to receive said service if the at least one user equipment has another connection.

32. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the processing unit is further configured to determine a number of the at least one user equipment able to receive said service and to compare said determined number with a threshold value.

33. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 32, wherein the processing unit is further configured to determine whether a point to multipoint connection is used if said determined number is greater than said threshold value.

34. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the processing unit is further configured to determine the at least one user equipment able to receive said service and to charge for said service based on which of the at least one user equipment is able receive said service.

35. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 25, further comprising a suspending controller configured to suspend said service for the at least one user equipment if said respective at least one user equipment is unable to receive said service.

36. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 35, wherein the processing unit is further configured to determine if the point to point or the point to multipoint connection is to be used, when the at least one user equipment for which the service has been suspended is not taken into account.

37. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said suspending controller is further configured to suspend said service if said user equipment has a different connection.

38. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 28, further comprising:

a connection controller configured to establish a different connection with said user equipment; and

a processing unit configured to determine if said user equipment is able to receive data of said service and to perform said suspending service if said user equipment is not able to receive data.

39. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 38, wherein said suspending controller is further configured to send a suspension message from said user equipment to a network element.

40. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 39, wherein said suspending controller is further configured to suspend charging for said service.

41. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 40, wherein said suspending controller is further configured to suspend charging performed by the network element.

42. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 41, wherein said suspending controller is further configured to suspend a context between said user equipment and the network element.

43. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein said suspending controller is further configured to suspend charging performed by the network element, said network element comprising a serving general packet radio service support node.

44. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 38, wherein the processing unit is further configured to determine, after service suspension, if the user equipment receives the service again and to reactivate said service if the user equipment receives the service again.

45. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 44, wherein the processing unit is further configured to activate charging for said service.

46. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said activating controller is further configured to activate said service that comprises a service in which data is provided to a user discontinuously.

47. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said activating controller is further configured to activate said service that comprises one of a multicast service and a broadcast service.

48. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 47, wherein said activating controller is further configured to activate said service that comprises a multimedia broadcast multicast service.

49. (New) A computer program, embodied on a computer-readable medium, for controlling a processor to implement a method, the method comprising:

providing a service to at least one user equipment;

determining if said service is to be provided to said at least one user equipment by a point to point connection or a point to multipoint connection, said determining taking into account which of said at least one user equipment to which said service is providable is able to receive said service.

50. (New) A computer program, embodied on a computer-readable medium, for controlling a processor to implement a method, the method comprising:

activating a service which provides data to user equipment; and

suspending said service when said user equipment is unable to receive data of said service,

wherein said suspending comprises suspending said service if said user equipment has a different connection.

51 (New) A method, comprising:

activating a service which provides data to user equipment;

suspending said service when said user equipment is unable to receive data of said service; and

determining, after service suspension, if the user equipment receives the service again and to reactivate said service if the user equipment receives the service again.

52. (New) The method as claimed in claim 51, wherein said reactivating within the determining comprises activating charging for said service.

53. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

an activating controller configured to activate a service which provides data to user equipment;

a transmitter configured to transmit data to said user equipment;

a suspending controller configured to suspend said service when said user equipment is unable to receive data of said service; and

a processing unit configured to determine, after service suspension, if the user equipment receives the service again and to reactivate said service if the user equipment receives the service again.

54. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 53, wherein the processing unit is further configured to activate charging for said service.